

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

ROBERT MORGALO,

Plaintiff

v.

No. 08-4079 (LTS)

RUBEN BLADES

and

RUBEN BLADES PRODUCTIONS, INC.

Defendants.

**PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ADMIT GILBERT B. ABRAMSON, ESQUIRE,
AND MICHAEL B. TOLCOTT, ESQUIRE, *PRO HAC VICE* TO THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

MICHAEL J SHEPPEARD, an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court and the Courts of the State of New York, declares, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the following is true and correct:

1. I am a member of the bar of this court and Ballon Stoll Bader & Nadler, P.C., attorneys for plaintiff in this matter. As such, I am fully familiar with the facts and proceedings of this action. I make this affidavit on behalf of plaintiffs in support of its application for an Order admitting Gilbert B. Abramson and Michael B. Tolcott *pro hac vice* as co-counsel, made pursuant to Local Rule 1.3(c).
2. As set forth in the accompanying affidavit (Exhibit A), Gilbert B. Abramson, Esquire, of the Pennsylvania law firm Gilbert B. Abramson & Associates, LLC, is a member in good standing of the bar of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the United States Supreme Court,

the United States District Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania, and the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third and Fourth Circuits.

3. As set forth in the accompanying affidavit (Exhibit B), Michael B. Tolcott, Esquire, of the Pennsylvania law firm Gilbert B. Abramson & Associates, is a member in good standing of the bar of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

4. Plaintiff has requested to be represented by Gilbert B. Abramson, Esquire, Michael B. Tolcott, Esquire, and Gilbert B. Abramson & Associates, LLC.

5. There is good cause to admit Messrs. Abramson and Tolcott, insofar as, inter alia:

(a) Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, where the law firm of Gilbert B. Abramson & Associates, LLC is located.

(b) Plaintiff has chosen Messrs. Abramson and Tolcott and the law firm of Gilbert B. Abramson & Associates, LLC to represent his interests with regard to this lawsuit.

(c) It is likely that Plaintiff will soon be named as a Defendant in a related, ongoing action in the United States District of Puerto Rico, William Anthony Colon v. Ruben Blades, U.S.D.C. P.R., Civil Action No. 07-1380 (the "Puerto Rico Action"), and Plaintiff will want Messrs. Abramson and Tolcott to represent him in the Puerto Rico Action.

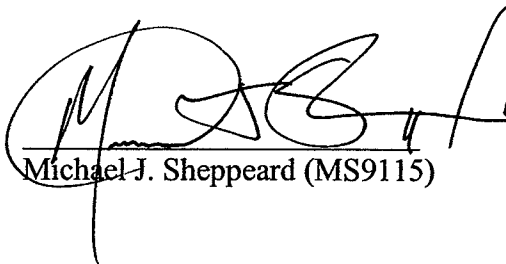
(d) The above-captioned action and the Puerto Rico Action arise from the same facts and raise the same issues, and decisions rendered in one of the actions may well affect Plaintiff's rights and liabilities in the other action. Accordingly, it would be appropriate to have the same counsel, i.e., Messrs. Abramson and Tolcott, represent Plaintiff in both actions.

(e) Messrs. Abramson and Tolcott have Plaintiff's full and complete trust and confidence.

(f) Dwight Yellen, Esquire and Michael J. Sheppeard, Esquire, of the law firm of Ballon Stoll Bader and Nadler, P.C., 729 Seventh Avenue, 17th floor, New York, N.Y. 10019 ("Local Counsel") have entered their appearance in this case. Local Counsel are thoroughly familiar with all applicable Rules and procedures of this Court. If this Motion is granted, Messrs. Abramson and Tolcott will continue to consult with Local Counsel, have Local Counsel review all pleadings before they are filed, and help ensure that Messrs. Abramson and Tolcott comply with all applicable Rules and procedures of this Court.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter an Order in the proposed form, admitting Gilbert B. Abramson, Esquire and Michael B. Tolcott, Esquire *Pro Hac Vice* to represent Plaintiff in the above-captioned matter.

Dated: New York, New York
20 May 2008



Michael J. Sheppeard (MS9115)

EXHIBIT A

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SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF GILBERT B. ABRAMSON, ESQUIRE

GILBERT B. ABRAMSON, ESQUIRE, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath deposes and says:

1. I, Gilbert B. Abramson, Esquire, am a citizen of the United States of America and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I reside at 438 Warick Road, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, 19096.
2. I am the principal of the law firm of Gilbert B. Abramson & Associates, LLC, 1339 Chestnut Street, Suite 510, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107.
3. I declare that I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania, and the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third and Fourth Circuits.

4. I am associated in this matter with Dwight Yellen, Esquire, and Michael J. Sheppard, Esquire, who are counsel of record and are authorized to practice law before this Court.

5. Plaintiff, Robert Morgalo, has requested that I represent him in this matter, which is a defamation case, as well as in the related action William Anthony Colon v. Ruben Blades, U.S.D.C. P.R., Civil Action No. 07-1380, in which it is expected that Mr. Morgalo will soon be named as a Defendant.

6. I have 40 years of experience in the practice of law, and I have tried more than 70 jury trials in more than 10 jurisdictions.

7. My experience includes a broad range of civil matters, including defamation cases such as the above-captioned matter.

8. I have Plaintiff's full trust and confidence.

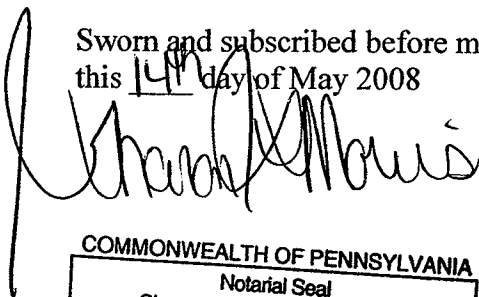
9. I affirm that no disciplinary proceedings are pending against me in any jurisdiction and that, in my 40 years of practicing law, no disciplinary proceedings have ever been pending against me in any jurisdiction.

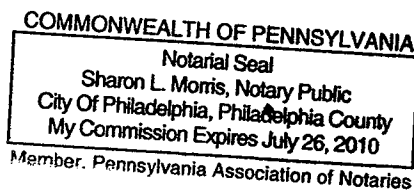
10. I affirm that no discipline has previously been imposed upon me by any jurisdiction.

Dated: May 14, 2008


GILBERT B. ABRAMSON, ESQUIRE

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 14 day of May 2008







Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

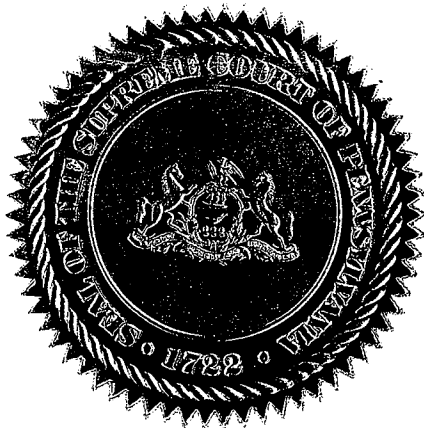
CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

Gilbert B. Abramson, Esq.

DATE OF ADMISSION

November 20, 1968

The above named attorney was duly admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is now a qualified member in good standing.



Witness my hand and official seal

Dated: May 13, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia A. Johnson".

Patricia A. Johnson
Chief Clerk

EXHIBIT B

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SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL B. TOLCOTT, ESQUIRE

MICHAEL B. TOLCOTT, ESQUIRE, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath deposes and says:

1. I, Michael B. Tolcott, Esquire, am a citizen of the United States of America and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I reside at 1101 Rodman Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19147.
2. I am a member of the law firm of Gilbert B. Abramson & Associates, LLC, 1339 Chestnut Street, Suite 510, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107.
3. I declare that I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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6. I have more than 26 years of experience in the practice of law, including defamation cases such as the above-captioned matter, as well as a broad range of other civil matters.

8. I have Plaintiff's full trust and confidence.

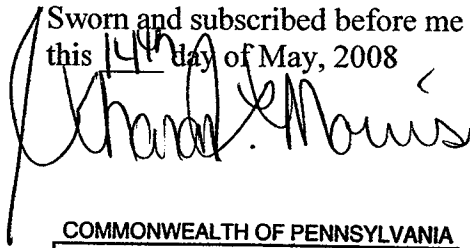
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10. I affirm that no discipline has previously been imposed upon me by any jurisdiction.

Dated: 5/14/08

Michael B. Tolcott
MICHAEL B. TOLCOTT, ESQUIRE

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 14th day of May, 2008



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Notarial Seal
Sharon L. Morris, Notary Public
City Of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
My Commission Expires July 26, 2010
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries



Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

Michael Tolcott, Esq.

DATE OF ADMISSION

November 6, 1981

The above named attorney was duly admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is now a qualified member in good standing.



Witness my hand and official seal

Dated: May 13, 2008

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia A. Johnson".

Patricia A. Johnson
Chief Clerk

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ORDER

AND NOW, upon consideration of Plaintiff's Motion for the Admission of Gilbert B. Abramson, Esquire and Michael B. Tolcott, Esquire *Pro Hac Vice*, the Motion is hereby **GRANTED**. It is further **ORDERED** that Gilbert B. Abramson, Esquire and Michael B. Tolcott, Esquire shall be admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York with reference to the above-captioned matter. Messrs. Abramson and Tolcott shall:

- (1) Abide by all Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, including all disciplinary rules;
- (2) Consent to the appointment of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals of New York as agent upon whom service of process may be made for all actions against the attorney or the attorney's firm that may arise out of their participation in the above-captioned matter; and

(3) Notify the Court immediately of any matter affecting either attorney's standing at the bar of any other court.

E N T E R:

Hon. Laura T. Swain

Dated: _____, 2008